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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is already an anicut across the river at Nagarvalli about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of Devadanapatti. A scheme to construct a reservoir about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above that anicut was considered a few years ago, but dropped because, apart from its prohibitive cost and poor return, it would affect adversely existing irrigation depending upon the waters of the river."

Grant of compensation to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar.

* 372 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum on 11th August 1953 from the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, Tellicherry, requesting the grant of a life allowance and free medical aid to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, a victim of the Police firing on 11th February 1950 and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir. The case is one where the incident referred to was brought about by the prisoner himself along with others by disorderly and turbulant conduct in prison. Having considered the case, the Government did not see sufficient justification to comply with the request made for the payment of a life allowance and a lump sum grant as suggested."

Grant of compensation to Sri U. N. Narayana Marar.

* 373 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the action taken on the memorandum submitted to Hon. the Chief Minister on 11th August 1953 by the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, regarding the grant of compensation, gratuity or allowance to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar of Kuthuparamba, North Malabar, one among the disabled for life in the Salem Jail shooting?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to the short notice question No. 372 on the same subject."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the enquiry committee appointed by the Government, presided over by a retired High Court Judge pointed out that there was no justification for continued shooting till the ammunition was exhausted and that excessive force was employed? In the light of the opinion expressed by the special enquiry committee, will the Government come forward at least to see that Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, the unfortunate victim of those incidents, who comes from a very poor family and who is completely bed-ridden, is admitted in the General Hospital, Madras and given some good treatment?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think medical opinion about the person referred to by the hon. Member is that he is not ill. Is it not so?"

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are aware that the Committee recorded that there was sufficient cause for the warders to shoot. The Government are also aware that the person concerned is not suffering."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let us take up question No. 374."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" This is a very important question. I request you to allow us to put some more supplementary questions on this subject, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am sorry, there are many questions to be covered."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, question No. 373 stands in my name. So, I request you to be kind enough to allow me to put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have to cover many questions. Moreover, I have called the next question."

[Starred question No. 374—Answered at the end of question hour.]

Co-operative collective farm for Salem district.

* 375 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to bring 40,000 acres out of 92,000 acres of arable waste land in Athur taluk, Salem district, under cultivation through a scheme of co-operative farming;

(*b*) if so, what the Government propose to do in regard to the remaining 52,000 acres of land; and

(*c*) whether the Government are proposing to assign such lands to the landless poor peasants?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have under consideration the following proposals :

(i) To establish a Government Agricultural Farm in a suitable area of 500 acres (to be raised subsequently to 1,000 acres).

(ii) To assign a suitable block of land to the Salem Co-operative Stores for Development.

(iii) To establish a co-operative collective farm in another suitable block in the area.

" (*b*) & (*c*) It has been decided that the lands which can be brought under cultivation without much reclamation, may be assigned to the landless and poor peasants who are likely to engage themselves in direct cultivation as these peasants may not find it difficult to take up the lands and work them up. As regards lands requiring considerable reclamation, they have to wait till Government are in a position to reclaim them at